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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – LAX Security Increased Following Fort Lauderdale Airport Shooting

(U) Security at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) has been increased following a deadly shooting at a Fort Lauderdale airport, officials announced on Friday. LAX police said they were coordinating with federal officials and other local agencies to prevent any such tragedy from occurring in Los Angeles. Bob Hope Airport in North Hollywood said it increased its security measures and John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana said it's prepared to adjust if necessary.

SOURCE: 7 January 2017, [ABC 7](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – Airport Shooting Suspect Charged

(U) Fort Lauderdale – The man suspected of carrying out a deadly shooting at a Florida airport has been charged by prosecutors. Esteban Santiago, 26, is accused of opening fire at Fort Lauderdale airport, killing five people and injuring six others. He is charged with carrying out an act of violence at an international airport resulting in death, which carries a maximum punishment of execution. The suspect, who is in custody, told agents he had planned the attack and bought a one-way ticket to Fort Lauderdale. Authorities said they did not know why he chose this target and that terrorism had not been ruled out. Officials were also looking whether mental health problems played a role after it emerged that the suspect had been referred for a health assessment by the FBI.

SOURCE: 8 January 2017, [BBC](#)

(U) Florida – Police Officer Killed and Manhunt Underway for Suspect

(U) Orlando – A manhunt has been launched after a police officer was shot and killed this morning near an Orlando Walmart, officials said. Orlando Master Sgt. Debra Clayton approached murder suspect Markeith Loyd at about 7 a.m., according to police, and was shot multiple times. She died soon after. Loyd fled the scene, hijacking a car, and firing at least two shots at a pursuing police vehicle. He then abandoned the first car he hijacked and stole another, according to police.

SOURCE: 9 January 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – 24,000 Cyber-Attacks Thwarted Against Defense Targets

(U) Paris – Officials say France was the subject of 24,000 cyber-attacks against defense targets in 2016. French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said such attacks were doubling every year and this year's presidential elections could be targeted. He said it would be "naive" to think France was immune to the type of cyber-campaign that targeted the US election. Mr. Le Drian is overseeing an overhaul of France's cyber-security operations. Cyber-attacks in France have increased substantially in the last three years and have become a serious threat to the country's infrastructure, Mr. Le Drian said. His warning comes in the wake of a US intelligence report alleging that Russia was involved in an attempt to influence the

2016 presidential campaign. French elections in April and May this year are being carefully watched.
SOURCE: 8 January 2017, [BBC](#)

(U) Israeli – Police Arrest Nine Following Truck Attack

(U) Jerusalem - Israeli police stepped up security measures in Arab neighborhoods in east Jerusalem today searching trucks and arresting relatives of the Palestinian truck driver who rammed his vehicle into a crowd of Israeli soldiers at a Jerusalem tourist spot, killing four soldiers and injuring 17 others. Nine people were arrested, five of them relatives of 28-year-old Fadi Qunbar, the attacker. All arrested were from the east Jerusalem neighborhood of where Qunbar lived. Police forces checked drivers and searched parked cars and trucks throughout east Jerusalem in an effort to prevent copycat attacks. An investigation is underway as to how Qunbar managed to make his way to the Jerusalem promenade where the soldiers gathered; who owned the truck he drove and whether he planned his attack ahead of time.

SOURCE: 9 January 2017, [AP](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Gunman Shoots and Wounds US Consular Official

(U) Mexico City - Mexican prosecutors said yesterday that they have detained a US citizen as the main suspect in the shooting of an official at the US consulate in the western city of Guadalajara. The federal Attorney General's Office said that "a US citizen was identified and detained for his presumed involvement in the case. This person will be deported to the United States, to determine his legal situation." The identity of the suspect was not released, and authorities did not comment on a possible motive for the attack. The US Embassy has not identified the official who was injured. Local media identified him as Christopher Ashcraft, whose profile on social networking sites listed him as a consular officer in Guadalajara since 2016. The US Embassy in Mexico City urged citizens to limit their movements in the Guadalajara area.

SOURCE: 9 January 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Mexico – Gas Returns to Tijuana Stations, but Anger Lingers Over Price Hike

(U) Tijuana – For the second day, demonstrators angry about Mexico's gasoline price hike took over Tijuana's El Chaparral Port of Entry for several hours during a protest that ended after US authorities blocked traffic to the port at the request of Mexican officials. The angry crowd at the US border joined protesters across Mexico, who has been speaking out since the New Year's Day gas price increase of close to 20 percent that has come as President Enrique Peña Nieto has moved to deregulate the country's energy industry.

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